

inquiry not involving such classified information.”.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on Afghanistan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the sessions of the Senate on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to evaluate the Universal Service fund.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the Energy Information Administration's Annual Energy Outlook.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet for a hearing on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 10 a.m. in SD-406. The purpose of the hearing is to review state, local and regional government approaches to address global warming.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to hear testimony on “Medicare Payment for Physician Services: Examining New Approaches”.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to conduct a markup on Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building Room 226.

## Agenda

I. Matters Carried Over from Previous Meeting: S. 236, The Federal Agency Data Mining Reporting Act of 2007, Feingold, Sununu; S. 378, The Court Security Improvement Act of 2007, Leahy, Specter, Durbin, Cornyn, Kennedy, Hatch; S. 442, The John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007, Durbin, Specter, Leahy, Biden.

II. Nominations: Thomas M. Hardiman to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit; John Preston Bailey to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia; Otis D. Wright, II, to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California; George H. Wu to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California.

III. Bills: S. 261, Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act of 2007, Cantwell, Specter, Durbin, Kyl, Feinstein, Feingold, Kohl; S. 376, Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2007, Leahy, Specter, Kyl, Cornyn, Grassley, Sessions.

IV. Resolutions: S. Res. 78, Designating April 2007 as “National Autism Awareness Month”, Hagel, Feingold; S. Res. 81, Recognizing the 45th anniversary of John Glenn's becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth), Brown, Voinovich.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on March 1, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 3 p.m. for a hearing regarding “Improving Federal Financial Management: Progress Made and the Challenges Ahead.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, March 1, 2007, at 2 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 380, to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of Executive Calendar Nos. 32 through 35 and all nominations on the Secretary's desk; that the nominations be confirmed; the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; any statements thereon be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD; the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and the Senate return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

#### To be major general

Brigadier General Shelby G. Bryant, 0000  
Brigadier General Howard M. Edwards, 0000  
Brigadier General Norman L. Elliott, 0000  
Brigadier General Steven E. Foster, 0000  
Brigadier General Robert D. Ireton, 0000  
Brigadier General Emil Lassen, III, 0000  
Brigadier General George T. Lynn, 0000  
Brigadier General Robert B. Newman, Jr., 0000  
Brigadier General Timothy R. Rush, 0000  
Brigadier General Stephen M. Sischo, 0000

#### To be brigadier general

Colonel Craig W. Blankenstein, 0000  
Colonel William J. Crisler, Jr., 0000  
Colonel Johnny O. Haikey, 0000  
Colonel Rodney K. Hunter, 0000  
Colonel Jeffrey R. Johnson, 0000  
Colonel Verle L. Johnston, Jr., 0000  
Colonel Jeffrey S. Lawson, 0000  
Colonel Bruce R. Macomber, 0000  
Colonel Gregory L. Marston, 0000  
Colonel James M. McCormack, 0000  
Colonel Deborah C. McManus, 0000  
Colonel John E. Mooney, Jr., 0000  
Colonel Daniel L. Peabody, 0000  
Colonel Kenny Rickett, 0000  
Colonel Scott B. Schofield, 0000  
Colonel John G. Sheedy, 0000  
Colonel John B. Soileau, Jr., 0000  
Colonel Francis A. Turley, 0000  
Colonel James R. Wilson, 0000  
Colonel Paul G. Worcester, 0000

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley, 0000

#### IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

#### To be brigadier general

Colonel David H. Berger, 0000  
Colonel William D. Beydler, 0000  
Colonel Mark A. Brilakis, 0000  
Colonel Mark A. Clark, 0000  
Colonel David C. Garza, 0000  
Colonel Charles L. Hudson, 0000  
Colonel Ronald J. Johnson, 0000  
Colonel Thomas M. Murray, 0000